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In re Patent Application of:
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Examiner: Ralph J. Gitomer

For: COMPOSITION FOR DETECTING BETA-1,3-
GLUCAN
(AS CURRENTLY AMENDED)

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Official Action mailed on September 23, 2003 and in accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. It is believed that no Extensions of Time and no fees are required for this response. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner also consider this document as a Petition for any Extension(s) of Time, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that such Extensions of Time are required, and that the required Extension(s) be granted. A Fee Transmittal letter is also submitted, requesting and authorizing the Commissioner to charge

any required fee(s) during the pendency of this application and/or to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100. An Abstract of the Disclosure is also attached hereto, at Tab 1.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 10 of this document.

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